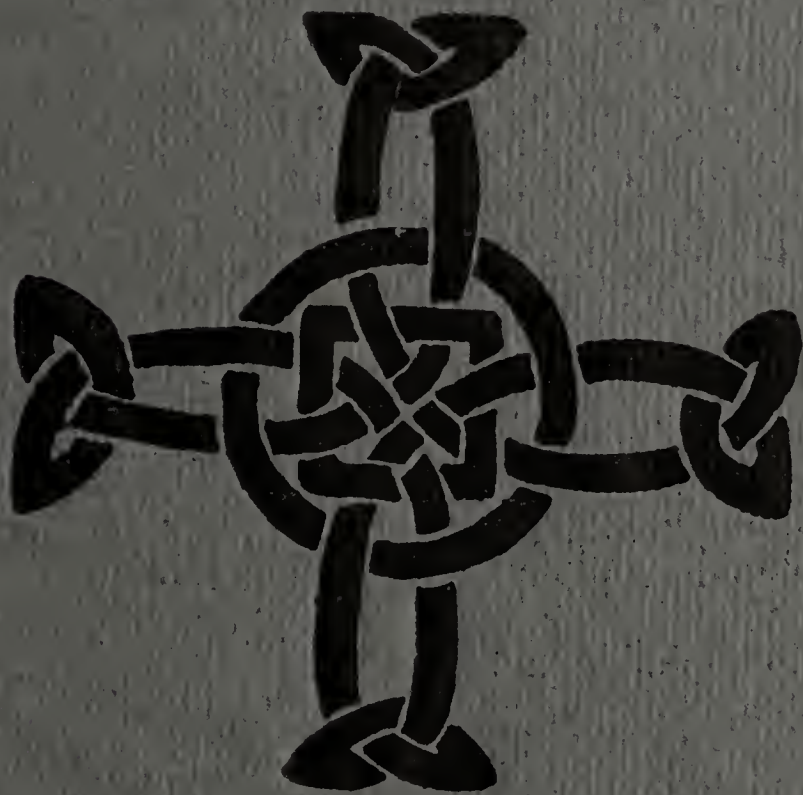


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THE IONA BOOKS



T. F. Tomlin.

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Iona's lonely isle,  
Where Scotland's kings are laid.

*James Grahame.*

Unto this place, albeit so small and poor, great  
homage shall yet be paid, not only by the kings and  
people of the Scots, but by the rulers of barbarous  
and distant nations with their people also. In great  
veneration too shall it be held by the holy men of  
other Churches.

*St Columba.*

This, dear children, is my last advice to you—that  
you preserve with each other sincere charity and  
peace.

*St Columba.*

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In this little island a lamp was lit whose flame  
lighted pagan Europe . . . Here Learning and Faith  
had their tranquil home. . . . And here Hope waits.

To tell the story of Iona is to go back to God, and  
to end in God.

*Fiona Macleod.*

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*I N M E T R E .*

According as they are sung in  
*the Kirk of Scotland.*

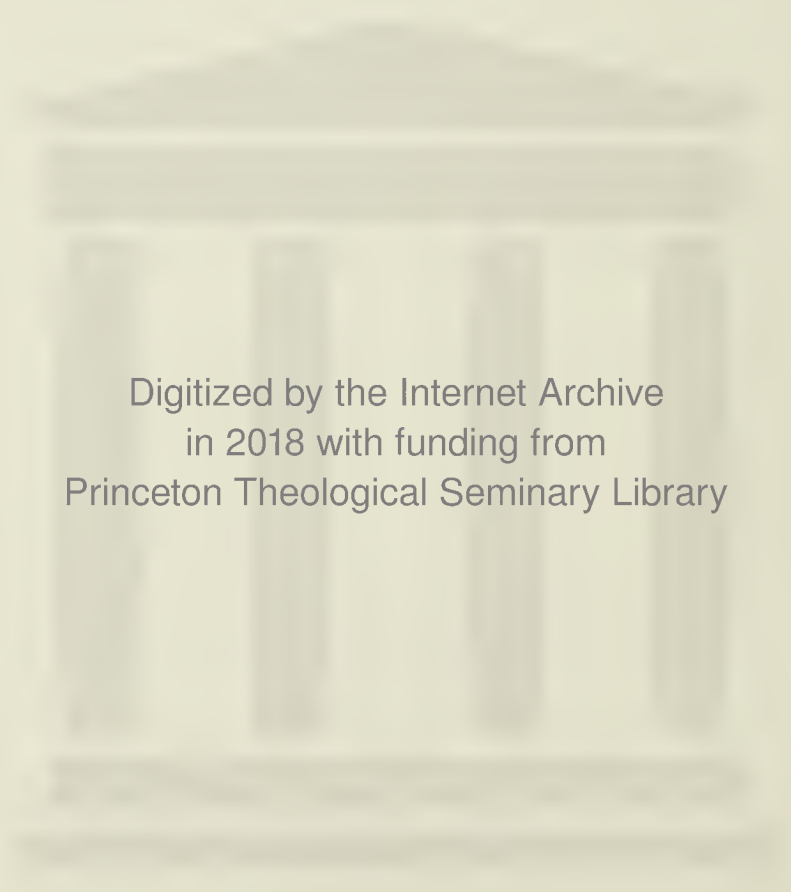
*I Together, with the Conclusion, or  
Gloria Patri, efter the Psalmes:  
and alsua ane Prayer efter euerie  
Psalmes, agreing with the meaning  
thair of.*

JAMES V.

*If anie be afflicted let him pray: and  
if anie would be merie, let  
him sing Psalmes.*

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*Cum Privilegio Regali.*



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These Divisions, and the Headings to the Prayers themselves, are not in the original; they are simply intended as an aid to present use. But they are, in each case, as will be seen, accurate quotations from the Prayers themselves.



THIS series of Prayers, or more strictly, Collects, is given in full by Livingston in the Appendix to his work on the Scottish Psalter of 1635, and by M'Crie in his History of the Scottish Church; and the late Dr Douglas Bannerman of Perth, in his delightful little volume on Public Worship, printed a selection of them in modern English; but they have never become generally known. They are a part of our Scottish heritage which we have practically forgotten.

The history of these prayers previous to 1595 seems to be unknown. It has been suggested that they are of Huguenot origin; they are most certainly the product of an age of persecution; many of those which follow the "cursing psalms" very literally are "*agreing with*" them. Thus the Prayer associated with Psalm lviii. is as follows:—

Ps. 58 **M***ercifull Lord, the righteous iudge of the World, that knavvis the malice & crueltie of the enemies of thy Kirk: repres thair blasphemies, cast down thair fierce lukis, & vtterlie confound them, that the godlie seand the feirfull vengeance, that thou takis vpō thy enemies, may be the mair & mair mouit to prais thy righteousnesse and goodnesse, and may praise thy halie name, through Iesus Christ, our Saviour.*

Such petitions are far removed from the need, and therefore from the mood of our day; it is only possible to sympathise with them when we seriously attempt to live ourselves into the situations which produced Psalm and Prayer alike.

But embedded in this almost forgotten collec-

tion of Prayers there lies for those who can appreciate them a wealth of delight. Many of them are very beautiful both in language and in form. There are few Collects, for example, ancient or modern, more beautiful than this, the last of the series, which is “*agreing with*” Psalm cl.:—

Ps. 150. **M***Aist vworthie art thou, (O gude and gracious God) of all praises, euin for thy awvin saik quba surmountis all thingis in halinesse. Be thee onelie, vve are maid halie & sanctifyit. We prais thee for our glorious Redemptioun, purchased to vs in thy dearlie belouit Sonne Christ Iesus, as our deuotie continuallie biddis vs: Giue vs thairfoir thy haly Spirite to gouerne vs. And grant, that all thingis quhilk brethis vwith lyfe, may praise thee, as the true lyfe of all creatures, through the sam Iesus Christ, our Lord, quba reignis vwith thee and the halie Gaisst, one God, for euer and euer.*

The beauty of our Scottish Collects is not, however, their strongest claim upon our recollection and affection.

Scotland is, in characteristically deliberate fashion, awakening to the fact that her history, at all events her religious history, is not yet closed: she has duty within herself which she owes to herself and to her “chief end,” which, when fulfilled, may send her forth upon a mission beyond herself far greater than she has ever dreamt. This duty is the ordering of her spiritual forces, the at-one-ment and reviving of her ancient Church, and she is well aware that all wisdom and spiritual understanding and all patience will be required for the accomplishment of this task.

There are at the least two aids which lie to the hand of every one of her children during the years of preparation. *The First* is the sympathetic study of Scottish religious history, to the end that all future action shall be a further entering into our truest Scottish heritage, an evolution of our highest Scottish conceptions of the religious life. *The Second* is the use of prayer. It is the appeal to "the Eternal God," not of the individual only, but of the whole Scottish people.

<sup>1</sup> "These poor persecuted Scottish Covenanters," said I to my inquiring Frenchman, in such stunted French as stood at command, "*ils s'en appelaient à——*"

"*Ala Posteritè,*" interrupted he, helping me out.

"*Ab, Monsieur, non, mille fois non!* They appealed to the Eternal God; not to Posterity at all! *C'était différent.*"

The recollection at this time of our Scottish Collects may serve both of these important purposes. They are a part of our religious heritage; they may also be to those who can so use them a true aid to prayer.

Probably the use of the prayers would have been simplified had they been rendered into modern English; but it is hoped that the quaint old Scots tongue will prove rather an incentive than a deterrent. Comparatively few words have altogether fallen from use, the meaning of such is easily discoverable from the context, or may be found in

<sup>1</sup> Carlyle.

any Scottish glossary or dictionary ; on the other hand the effort to follow the language is entirely helpful, and upon a second or third reading the prayer, as it was prayed by our ancestors four hundred years ago, has become our possession for ever.

The original edition was issued for “ *men in travel, and being from thair hame, quha glaidlie wald carie ane thin buik (as this of the prayers is) that can not easilie carie the haill Psalmes* ”; and “ *besides that ilk puir child can not attein to the bying of the haill Psalmes he may haif the samin with ye Cathecisme of esie price.* ”<sup>1</sup>

It is hoped that many “ *quha glaidlie wald carie ane thin buik* ” will find a place in their pockets for this selection of our Prayers; it would be good that “ *ilk puir child* ” might “ *haif the samin.* ”

A. H. S.

<sup>1</sup> Quoted by Livingston : Dissertation I. Page 14.



I. FOR DELYUERANCE FROM THE  
THRALDOME OF SINNE.

*The Lord is kind and mercifull,  
When sinners do him grieve:  
The slowest to conceive a wrath,  
And readiest to forgive.*

*He chides not us continually,  
Though wee bee full of strife:  
Nor keeps our faults in memorie  
For all our sinfull life.*

PSALME CIII.

*Burie our iniquities.*

**M**ERCIFULL Father, that desiris not the deith,  
bot rather the lyfe and amendmente of the  
sinner: Extend thy grace, mercie and gudenesse  
vpon vs, and burie all our iniquities: that being  
gardit vvith thy gudnes, vve may reioyce in thee:  
liuand in all vprichtnes, as vve are instructit be thy  
Sonne, IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*Cast avway our sinnes.*

**O** LORD, quha neuer leuis vnperfect that quhilk  
thou hes begun, althoght our vvickitnesse and  
vnthankfulnesse deseruis that vve should be spoil-  
zeit of all thy benefites: Nacht the lesse vve beseik  
thee of thy great mercie to cast avway our sinnes:  
and grant that vve may feir and serue thee in sic  
sort, that thou maintein vs in peice and tranquil-  
litie, through IESUS CHRIST our Lord. *So be it.*

*Vvithout anie vvauering.*

**G**OOD and gracious God, that desyres nathin bot  
the helth and saluatioun of them that traistis  
in thee: Extend thy gudenesse and infinite mercies  
vpon vs thy pure seruandis, and put avway all our in-  
iquities, yet vve beand gouernit be thy halie Spreit,  
may vvalk vprightlie in thy halie Commandements,  
vvithout anie vvauering: that in the end, vvee may  
enioy the blisse ottenit to vs, by thy Sonne, CHRIST  
IESUS. *So be it.*

*Ane clene Hart.*

**F**ATHER of all mercies, that delytis nocht in the deith of ane sinner: Extend thy compassioun vpon vs, and vvesch vs from all our sinnes that vve haif committed aganis thy halie Maiestie sen the tyme vve first enterit this vvarld. Creat in vs ane clene hart, and strenthen vs continuallie vvith the povver of thy halie Spreit, that vve beand haillie consecrate to thy seruice may set furth thy praises, through IESUS CHRIST, our Sauour. *So be it.*

*Suffer vs neuer to be spuilzeit.*

**M**AIST pitifull and louing Father, that ceissis not be all meinis & vwayis, to dravv vs to loue, feir, and obey thee, and to keip thy hailie statutes and commandementis: Behalde not, O our gracious GOD, our vanitie and vnthankefulnesse: bot haif regaird vnto thy promises, and luke vnto the band that thou hes made vvith vs, that vvalkis in thy feir. And suffer vs neuer to be spuilzeit, of the inestimabill frute of the Redemptioun, purchased be the blude of thy deir Sone, IESUS CHRIST, our Redeemer and onlie Saviour. *So be it.*

*All simplicitie and godlinesse.*

**O** GOD onely just, and righteous, we beseik thee, that it will pleis thee to draw us out of this feirfull corruption, quhairwith the hail race

of mankind is infected, and delyuer us from the thraldome of sinne, that we walkand in all simplicitie and godlinesse, may in end enjoy the frute of that happy deliuerance, quhilk thou hes giuen us be the oblatioun of the sacrifice of thy Sonne CHRIST IESUS. *So be it.*

*Remember the Couenaunt.*

CELESTIAL Father, that at all tymes hes shavvin thy singular fauour and gudenesse towardis all them that feir thee: luke not upon the multitude of our iniquities, quhairvvith vve offend thee, seeing the great fragilitie and bruckilnesse quhilk is in vs. But remember the couenaunt that thou hes made vvith our Fathers, and ratifeit in thy Sonne CHRIST IESUS: that be the vertevv thair-of, vve may assure ourseluis of thy eternall saluatioun, that vve vvith the Angels may praise and glorifie the for euer and euer. *So be it.*

*Haif mercie vpon vs.*

PITIFULL Father, quha is full of mercie, that neuer reiectes the Prayers of them that callis vpon thee in treuth and veritie: Haif mercie vpon vs, and destroy the multitude of our iniquities, according to the treuth of thy promises, quhilkis thou hes promisit vnto vs, and quhairin vve repose our haille confidence, according as vve are teichit be the Word of thy Sone, our onlie Saviour. *So be it.*

*The force of thy puissance.*

**O** LORD, to quhome all glorie and honour dois appertaine, make that thy meruelous vvarkis may bee knavvin throughout the haill earth: and that the force of thy puissance may dounthring thy enemies and ours. Further grant to vs, that vve may be sa settillit be the afflictions that thou sendis vnto vs, that vve cease neuer to praise thy mercie and goodnes, quhilk is abundantlie shavvin furth to vs, in thy deir Sonne, **JESUS CHRIST**, our Redeemer. *So be it.*

*Halines of lyfe.*

**A**LMIGHTIE GOD, the onlie delyuerer of pure and miserabill Creatures, quha hes delyuerit vs from the seruitude of sinne, and from the tyrannie of Sathan, be the meinis of thy Sone **JESUS CHRIST**, the Saviour of the vvarlde. Grant vnto vs, that vveacknovvledging sa great and mighty delyuerances, may vvalk saiflie vnder thy gouvernement in all halines of lyfe, vntill vve attein to the full possession of the trevv land of the liuing, quhair vve may continuallie praise thee. *So be it.*

## II. FOR ANE HALIE LYFE.

*The Lord is only my support  
And Hee that doth me feede :  
How can I then lack anie thing  
Whereof I stand in need ?*

*Hee doth me fold in coates most safe,  
The tender grasse fast by :  
And after driv' th me to the streames  
Which run most pleasantly.*

*And when I feele my self neare lost  
Then doth Hee mee home take :  
Conducting mee in his right pathes,  
Even for his own Names sake.*

PSALM XXIII.



*Participant of his Benefites.*

**E**TERNALL God, quhilk hes appointit thy onlie Sonne, for our King and Priest, that vve might be sanctified be the Sacrifice of his Bodie vpon the Croce. Grant that vve may in sic sort be participant of his benefites, that vve may renounce our avvin selfis, and serue him in all halinesse and puritie of lyfe: and may offer vp spiritual sacrifices, that may be pleasant and acceptable vnto thee, through the self same IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*The richt trade of the Godlie.*

**O** SVVEIT and gracious LORD, grant vs of thy grace, that vve neuir be sa enuyus of the prosperous estat of the ungodlie, that vve declyne from the richt trade of the godlie: but that vve may be mair and mair assurit of thy gudenesse and Prouidence, in sic sort, that our haill But may be, to be perpetuallie conioynit vvith thee, through thy onlie Sonne JESUS CHRIST our Saviour. *So be it.*

*The Affaires of this vvarld.*

**C**REATOR of Heauin and eirth, hovv euer it be that the affaires and cares of this vvarld dois greatlie trouble, molest & auert vs from randring vnto thee that honour and obedience quhilk is due vnto thee, zit vve beseik thee, that forzettand all vther thingis: vve may haif na vther butt, bot to praise and glorifie the all the dayis of our lyfe, for

the great benefitis, quhilk vve continuallie receaue at Thy hands, through IESUS CHRIST our Lord. *So be it.*

*Assist vs be Thy halie Spreit.*

**A**LMIGHTIE GOD, of quhome proceidis all our sufficiencie, assist vs be thy halie Spreit, that vve nouthertink nor doe onie thing that is against thy halie vwill. Heare our prayers, defeate ourenemies, & comfort vs be the selfe same Spirit, that vve may continuallie feill Thy fatherlie fauour and goodvil, that thou schavvis to thy avvin children, through IESUS CHRIST Thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*Our onlie Cair.*

**E**TERNALL and almightie GOD, that be thy providence conductis and gouernis all the creatures in this vvarlde, suffer vs not to enterpryse any thing but that quhilk is agreing vwith thy vwill and plesour, that vve altogether discontented of our selues, may haillie depend upon thy blessing: and that our onlie cair may be that thou may be gloryfy-it of vs, and our posterities, through IESUS CHRIST thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*Thy halie Lawv.*

**O** GOD, Creator of all things, grant that we may acknowledge and magnifie thy great strength and pouer that declaris thy self in the conseruing

and gyding of this vvarld: Suffernoct that we vvan-  
der any quhit from thy halie Lavv, quhilk is pure  
and perfect: bottak and delyte thairin, vve may hail-  
lie be sa gouernit be it, that in the end vve may be  
participant of the heuenlie saluatioun, through  
IESUS CHRIST our Lord. *So be it.*

*The frutes of all gude vvarkis.*

**O** THOU gude LORD, quha onelie is vvorthie of  
all glorie and Maiestie, and takis plesour in  
thingis vyle and contemptibill in the sighte of the  
vvarlde: vve beseik thee sua to mortifie and illum-  
inate our hartis & vvillis that all obstinacie and  
proudensse being set apart, vve may humblie sub-  
mit our seluis vnder the obedience of thy halie  
Word: that we, bringand furth the frutes of all  
gude vvarkis, may sing praises to thee perpetuallie,  
through IESUS CHRIST our onelie Sauour. *So be it.*

*Vvithdrawv not thy selfe back from vs.*

**F**ATHER of Licht, and fountain of all goodnes  
be helpfull vnto vs in tyme of our affliction:  
& quhen vve are in greatest danger, vvithdrawv not  
thy selfe back from vs: zea, quhat sumeuir thing  
fall vnto vs, strenthen our hartis, that vve may haue  
ane continuall esperance of all the good things, that  
thou hes promiseist to vs, through IESUS CHRIST our  
Lord. *So be it.*

*Thy saif gaird and protection.*

**O** HEAUENLIE Father, vvorthie of all praises: continevv thy fauour and gudevill towardis vs thy pure seruandis, and be the force of thatband quhilke thou hes contractit vvith our forefatheris, grant that vve may saiffie leif vnder thy saifgaird and protection, that vve may continuallie mair and mair haif ane feiling of the frute of that adoptioun quhairof thou hes made vs participant, through IESUS CHRIST thy Sonne our Lord. *So be it.*

*The knauvledge of thy gudeness.*

**O** LORD, the plentiful heip of all happines, sen it hes plesit the of thy free mercie and gudenesse, to chuse vs for thy avvin heritage, and to regener us spiritually: Entertaine vs vnder thy vvings vnto the end : and grant that vve may daylie grovv in the knauvledge of thy gudenesse, trouth and mercie, quhilkis thou hes manifested vnto vs, through our Redeemer, and Sauour IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*Mortifie our selfis.*

**M**ICHTIE LORD, that resistis the proude, and geuis strenth to the humbill ainis: Suffer nocht, that vve lift vp our selues in anie proud opinioun or consait of our selfis, in ony gude things, but that vve may consaif humblie of our selfis befoir thy deuine maiestie vvithout fenzeing. And that vve may mortifie our selfis daylie mair and mair: in sic sorte, that

in all our doings, vve may continuallie feill thy fatherlie fauour, mercie and assistance, through IESUS CHRIST, thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*The assurance of thy gudeness.*

**E**TERNALL God, the onlie refuge of comfortles creatures, heare our prayers and requestis, and forzet not to shavv thy mercie vpon vs. Lord, giue vs grace in sic sort to acknowvledge thy meruelous vvorkis, that thou hes schavvin to thy people in tymes past that vve may be dayly mair and mair confirmit in the assurance of thy gudeness, be the quhilk thou hes frelie elected & adopted vs, in thy vvelbelouit Sonne, IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*A baillie Lyfe.*

**H**EAUENLIE Father, that hes adopted vs to be thy Children, grant the vve passand throvv this corruptit vvarld in sik integritie and cleannesse, that nane haue any iust occasioun to plaint of vs, vvee may in the end be participant of that celestiall heritage, that is preparit for vs in the heauens, through IESUS CHRIST, our onlie Sauour. *So be it.*

*The treuth of thy Promises.*

**O** GOD onlie vvise, and gud, that neur ceissis to shau vnto thy elect hovv gretlie thou luiffis and fauors them: bot chieffie, quhenthou gaue vnto vs, ane King and Sauour, IESUS CHRIST thy onlie Sonne, for to assure vs of the treuth of thy promises:

We beseik thee, graunt vs thy grace, to rander vnto him sic obedience, that vve may in the end enioy the frute of our faith, that is the saluatioun of our saullis. *So be it.*

*Be ane mercifull Father.*

**T**HY mercies, LORD, are aboue all thy vvarkes, faithfull art thou in all thy promisis, and iust in all thy doings. Be ane mercifull Father vnto vs, for IESUS CHRIST thy Sone's saik. Gouvern our vvayis, for vve are vvaike: Strenthin vs, for vve are failzeit: Refresh vs, for vve are famischit: and plentifullie bestovv thy gud giftis vpon vs. Defend vs from the snairis of Satan our auld enemie, that he tempt vs not out of the richt vvay bot that vve may euermair be reddie to praise & glorifie thy hailie Name, through IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*Ane Euening Sacrifice.*

**T**O thee, O LORD, vve cry: heir vs vve beseik thee: let our Prayer be as ane svveit saour befoir thee, and the lifting vp of our hands, as ane eueningsacrifice. Set ane vvatch befoir our mouth, & keip the dure of our lipps, that they speik na proud thing, as the wickit doe: bot that they may call upon thee, in all vprichtnesse, and simplicitie. Finallie, let vs cast our eyis on thee, in the onlie trust, & on thee onlie repose our selues. Suffer vs nocht to perisch, but delyuer us from the snairis quhilk the vvickit hes preparit for vs, and that through IESUS CHRIST our Saviour. *So be it.*

### III. THANKFULNESSE AND PRAYSE.

*Honour and glorie  
Vnto the Father bee:  
And to his Sonne  
Qubilk is in heuin sa bie,  
And right also  
Vnto the holie Spreit,  
Of troubled heartes  
The Comforter most sveit.  
As it vvas euer  
Before in the beginning,  
Is now, and shall  
Be World vwithout ending.*



*Thy gifts incomparabill.*

**O** LORD of all mercie, and ful of all benignitie, that chastisis men in diuerse sorts, to make them return vnto thee. Suffer nocht, O Father, that vve through our unthankfulnesse forzet thy inestimabill benefites, and maist singular delyuerances, that thou hes bestovved on vs from day to day: bot grant, that vve may continuallie be carefull and myndfuil to consider all the dayis of our lyfe thy gifts incomparabill, quhilkis thou euer giuis to vs, through IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*Thy inestimabill Benefite.*

**O** LORD, that be thy Prouidence gydis and gouernis all thingis, and that hes send to vs thy vveil-belouit Sonne, for to delyuer vs from sinne and deith, be the oblatioun of his bodie on the Croce: Graunt that vve continuallie acknavvledge this thy great and inestimabill benefite, and that vve euer haif our heartis and mouthes open to pronounce thy praises among all men, be thy self same Sonne, IESUS CHRIST, our Sauour. *So be it.*

*Shavv Prayses and Psalmes.*

**O** DEIR Father, quhais Prouidence extendis aboue all thy Creatures, in sic sort, that thy meruelous Wisedome is vtterit thairby, throughout them all: Graunt that vve may exalt thy glorie and shavv prayses and Psalmes, to the furthsetting

and magnifying of the same: to the intent, that the vvickit being banishit from of the earth, vve may reioyce in thee: and in the end may be participant of that eternall lyfe and felicitie, quhilk is promisit vnto vs, through IESUS CHRIST thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*Ane New Sang.*

**I**NSTRUCT our mouthes, O gude LORDE, vvith ane new sang, that our hearts being renevvit, vve may sing in the cumpanie of thy Sainctes, and reioice in thee our Creator and Redeemer. Let vs possesse sic peice of conscience, that may stranglie vvirk in thee. And beand girdit vvith the tva edgit suorde of thy Word, and Halie Spreit, vve may stryue againis all thingis that opponis them selues to the glorie of thy maist halie Name: and that through IESUS CHRIST, thy deir Sonne, our onlie Lord, and Redeemer. *So be it.*

*The Magnificencie of thy glorious Name.*

**G**REAT and meruelous is thy Maiestie (O mighty God), maker and conseruer of all things, & michtelie dois it shyne in all thy creatures, baith in heuin & eirth, and in the sey: Grant that as they all acknauledge thee, sua vvee may also acknavvledge the samin, that vvith ane accorde, and vniforme consent, vvee may vvith thy halie Angels, praise the magnificencie of thy glorious Name.

And that all may reioyce of the helth and exalting of thy people, quhilk thou hes releuit fra deith, throu the blude of IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*Maist worthie of all praises.*

**M**AIST worthie art thou, O Gude and gracious GOD, of all praises, euin for thy avvin saik quha surmountis all thingis in halinesse. Be thee onelie, vve are maid halie and sanctifyit. We praise thee for our glorious Redemptioun, purchased to vs in thy dearlie belouit Sonne CHRIST IESUS, as our devvtie continuallie biddis vs: Giue vs thairfoir the halie Spirite to gouerne vs. And grant, that all thingis quhilk brethis vvith lyfe, may praise thee, as the true lyfe of all creatures, through the sam IESUS CHRIST, our Lord, quha reignis vvith thee and the halie Gaist, one God, for euer and euer. *So be it.*



IV. FOR BROTHERLIE CHERITIE.

*O how happie a thing it is,  
And joyful for to see,  
Brethren together fast to hold,  
The band of amitie.*

*It calls to mind that sweet perfume,  
And that costly Oyntment,  
Which on the Sacrificers head  
By Gods precept was spent.*

PSALME CXXXIII.

*Our Brethren.*

**C**ELESTIALL Father, that makis all creatures, zea, the verie Angels themselues, for the vealth of thine, let vs haue a feeling of thy mercie and goodnes, that vve giuand our selfis to all gude vvarakis, may leif peiceably vvith our brethren: that in the end vve may be found halie and irreprouabill before the great iudge IESUS CHRIST our Sauour. *So be it.*

*Brotherlie Cheritie.*

**G**RATIOUS LORD, that is not the GOD of confu-sioun or discord: but the GOD of concord, and of peace: Ioine our heartis and affections in sic sort togidder, that vve may as brethir vvalk in thy house, in brotherlie cheritie and loue, and as members of the body of CHRIST. Let the oyle of sanctificatioun, that is, thy halie Spreit inflame vs, and the devv of thy blessing continuallie fall upon vs, that vve may obtaine lyfe eternall through the sam IESUS CHRIST, thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*Our pure Nichtbouris.*

**M**AIST loving Father, vvithout the blessing of quhome, vve are altogether pure and miser-abill creatures: Imprint thy halie Word vpon all our heartis, in sic sort, that our hail plesour and delyte may be to serue thee in all feir and reuerence. Graunt, that vve may be sa mercifull tovvardis our

pure nichtbouris, that ve may alsoa haue ane sure  
feiling of thy mercie & gudenesse, quhen thou sall  
cum to iudge the vvarld be him, quhome thou hes  
ordayned to be our Lord and Soueraigne IESUS  
CHRIST. *So be it.*



V. FOR THE PEPILL.

*To our Father bening  
That made vs of nocht;  
To Christ our Lord and King  
From deith that vs brocht.  
And the hailie Spreit  
That faild us neuer:  
Be glorie infinite,  
For nouv and for euer.*

*Thy halie promises.*

**G**UDE Lord, and God Almightye, that for the fulfilling of thy halie promises, hes sent vnto vs thy deir Sonne, our King and Redeemer: Grant that vve sa order our selfis, and all our carnal affections: and that vve may be ane' occasioun to al pepil to celebrate thy halie Name, throughout the hail erth and that through the self same IESUS CHRIST, our onelie Saviour. *So be it.*

*Manie Generations.*

**G**RATIOUS LORD, the vvellspring of all felicitie: grant vnto vs that vve may alvvayis feir thee, and vvalk in thy vvayis. Blis vs, and all ours, that it may be vveil vvith vs, & all that pertaine to vs, that vve may see manie generations, and children of faith, and that vve may see peace vpon Israell, and sua may glorifie thee all the dayis of our lyues, through IESUS CHRIST thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*The sacred Band quhilk thou hes made vvith our  
Fatheris.*

**F**ATHER maist pitifull, and full of mercie: seing that throu our unthankfulnesse and vvickitnesse, vve ceis not to prouoke thee to vvraith and anger aganis vs, for lousing the brydill to all our cankrit affectionis, Nocht theles sen it hes plesit thee, to admitt vs in the sacred band, quhilk thou hes made vvith our Fatheris, vve beseik thee, punish vs not

according to the rigour of thy iustice: bot delyuer vs from all trouble, that vve may vvith thankesgiuing sing praises to thy halie Name, through IESUS CHRIST our onlie Sauour. *So be it.*

*Thy coelestiall Blessingis.*

**O** GOD, Lord and Reuler of the hail world, it vvil pleis thee of thy gude grace, to dwell amongis us, and make us participant of all thy coelestiall blessingis that we being strenthenit be thy power, may obtaine victorie over all our enemies, in the name of they Sonne IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*Reulers and Gouvernours.*

**E**TERNALL God, to quhome all povver and impyre appertaines: Grant of thy infinite gudenesse, that they quhome thou hesappointed reulers and gouvernours ouer vs, may sa discharge themselues of their dutie and office, that the glorie of thy maist halie Name may be advanced, the godlie may be maintaynit, the vvickit punished, and the pure comforted: to the end, that passing ouer ane quyet and peiceable lyfe vnder their gouvernement, vve may rander all honour and praise vnto thee, through IESUS CHRIST our Lord. *So be it.*

*Our Superiours.*

**O** EUERLASTING GOD, vvhich art revvler & gyder of all things, that hes commandit vs to obey our superiours & magistrats: it vvill please

thee, for thy mercies sake, to extend thy mercie and blessing vpon our King and Prince, and al our superiours, that they liuand in thy feir and protection, may ouerthrauv thair enemies: and vve liuand in quyetnes vnder them may praise thee all our lyfe, through IESUS CHRIST our Lord. *So be it.*



VI. FOR THE KIRK.

*Thou wilt arise for Syon hill,  
And grant thy mercy her untill :  
For lo, the time, the time, I say,  
Of mercy (Lord) is come this day.  
For in her stones thy servants lust ;  
And pitie take upon her dust ;  
So shall the heathen fear thy Name,  
And earthly kings thy glorious fame.*

PSALME CII.



*Buildit as lyuelie Stanis vpon Christ Iesus.*

**O** LOUING and mercifull Father, that neuer leauis them that puts thair trust in thee: and that chastises fatherlie thy children for thair avin helth: Grant that lie vve may be buildit as lyue stanis vpon IESUS CHRIST, the true and onelie foundation of the Kirk: that forsamekill as he vvas reiectit and dispraisit of men, vve may acknavvledge him alvvayis for our King and Saviour: that vve may for euer enjoy the frute of thy mercies and gudenesse. *So be it.*

*Strenthenit be thy Strenth.*

**O** LORD, the buckler & defence of all them that luifis thee: . . . . forsamekill as thair is nathing better, than to acknavvledge and follovv thy halie vvill: chase from vs all darknesse of errour and ignorance: and let thy licht sashyne ouer vs thy pure Kirk, that beeing strenthenit be thy strenth, vve may employ our selfis haillie to set furth thy prayises, through IESUS CHRIST thy deir Sonne. *So be it.*

*Reedifie thy Kirk.*

**O** LORD, meruelous is thy micht & strenth, quhairby thou castis down the proud and feirfull tyrannis and liftis vp the humbill and meik anis. VVe beseik thee of thy great mercie, to restoir & reedifie thy Kirk, that vvas foundit be thee onlie. Gadder togidder thy scatterit sheip: and as thou

feidis all creatures vwith temporall fude, and pasturage: make vs to haif ane inuarde feiling of the effect of thy halie vvorde. That vve follovvand thy vwill declarit thairin, may in ende enioye the heritage preparit for vs in CHRIST IESUS. *So be it.*

*The Suetnes of thy Mercies.*

**O** LORD, onlie iust and righteous, that among all the nations of the vvarlde, hes chosen thy Kirk, for the better manifesting of thy blisshed Name in her: and hes ressauit vs of thy free mercie, in that holie societie. Graunt that vve may haif ane perfect feiling of the suetnes of thy mercies, and assist vs in the tyme of our troubillis, seing vve call vpon thee, and puts our haille traist in thee onlie. Suffer not O LORD, that vve become vnthankfull for the gret benefites quhilk thou geuis vnto vs: but rather that vve may magnifie the excellencie of thy povver & gudenesse, quhilk thou declarit vnto vs, in IESUS CHRIST. *So be it.*

*The open Assemblie.*

**O** LOVING God, that hes promisit to be amangis the middis of them that callis vpon the in verity: grant vnto vs, that vve may sa call vpon thee, in open assemblie, that beand vnder thy protection, vve may fynde thy grace and fatherlie fauour mair and mair: sa that vnder the Kingdome of thy Sonne IESUS CHRIST, vve may obtene full victorie ouer all them that troubillis vs. *So be it.*

*Vnder the Gouvernement of Iesus Christ.*

**O** ETERNALL God, the onelie founder and keiper of thy Kirk: Seing that contrarie to all vvarldlie iugement and opinioun thoudaylie augmentis and increases the number of thy avvin: Grant that vve beand placed vnder the gouvernement of IESUS CHRIST, the onelie chief and heid thairof, may be comfortit be thy maist halie Word, and strenghthenit and confirmit be thy sacramentis: to the intent that vve all vvith one heart and mouth, may glorifie thee, euerie ane edifiand vtheris in halinesse of lyfe, and godlie conuersatioun. *So be it.*

*Thy halie VWord.*

**M**ICHTIE LORD, to vvhome all glorie & honour dois iustlie appertaine, sen it hes plesit thee to cause vs vnderstand thy vvill be thy halie vvord, Grant lykevvyse, that vve may receaue the same vvith all reuerence, and that vve may haue ane feeling of the force and strenth thairof, that thairby vve may be reformit in all halines of lyfe, that in the end vve may enioy the heritage promisit to all them, that are adopted in thy veilbelouit Sonne CHRIST IESUS. *So be it.*



VII. FOR THE CROWNE AND KINGDOME  
OF IESUS CHRIST.

*Kingdome, Empyre,  
Power, triumph, and victorie:  
Be to our God,  
Quha creat the vvarld of nocht:  
Father Eterne,  
And his Sone the King of glorie:  
And halie Spreit  
That knavvis and reulis mannis thocht:  
As was ay sen  
The vvarldis foundatioun:  
From age to age,  
In all generatioun.*

*Thy Crowne and Kingdome.*

**O** LOUING Father, quha be thy aith hes promisit vnto vs ane Saviour IESUS CHRIST, thy Sone; thou hes not deceuit vs, bot hes giuen him vnto vs, as thy Word hes declarit, and be thy Sacramentis thou hes confirmit. Yea, he hes further promisit vnto vs, that he vwill abyde vwith vs, vntill the consummatioun of the vvarlde. Thairfoir, deir Father, vve beseik thee, that thou vwill blesse vs in all our turnis, gouerne vs, and replenish vs vwith ioy. Let thy Crowne & Kingdome abyde aboue vs, and preserue vs in peice, through the same IESUS CHRIST thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*The Glorie of the King.*

**E** TERNALL Father, the onlie author of all good things, sen it has plesit the to receaue vs in the communion of thy vveil-belouit Sonne our LORD IESUS CHRIST: suffer vs nocht in ony vwise to be ouercome of our enemies. Bot grant that his Kingdome beand established in the midst of vs, vve may triumphantlie sing and magnifie his praises, for novv and ever mair. *So be it.*

*A NE Sure Rock and refuge.*

**O** GUDE God, suffer neuer that in any vwise vve sall set thee asyde, to put our traist or confidence in Princes, or in the children of men: bot let vs continuallie haif all our traist & confidence fixit

vpon thee. For vnto sic thou art anesure Rock and refuge. Leid them, Lord, that vvalkis in darknes: Delyuer the oppressit: Enlarge thy Kingdome, quhilk all thy chosen children that ar redemit be the blud of thy Sone maist earnestlie thristis for: and that for the samin IESUS CHRIST's sake. *So be it.*

*His Kingdom be advanced daylie mair and mair.*

**A**LMIGHTIE GOD, the help and defence of all them that feiris thee, grant that vve may saiffie liue vnder the saifgaird and protection of thy vvelbelouit Sonne IESUS CHRIST. Grant alsua, that his Kingdom be thy great povver, may prosper and be advanced daylie mair and mair. And that vve beand settellitvpon thy promisis, may rander vnto thee sacrifices of praise and thanksgiuing baith novv and euer mair. *So be it.*



VIII. FOR THE HAILL VVARLDE.

*All pepill on the eirth reioyce,  
In God of maist misericorde:  
With inward mynde, and outvard voice,  
Let vs giue laude vnto the Lord.  
To God be gloir interminabill,  
And his Sonne Christ baith God and man,  
And halie Gaist inseparabill,  
As vvas ay sen the vvarld began.*

*All pepill and nations.*

**E**TERNALL GOD, the Father of all lights, vwith-  
out the knavvledge of quhome, vve are mair  
miserabill than the verray brute beistis: extend thy  
blessing ouer vs, and make that thy maist halie  
Name may be knavvin throughout the haill earth,  
and may bee vvorshipped of all pepill and nations: to  
the intent, that all men feiling thy merciful bene-  
diction, may vvalke in thy feir, as vve are teachit be  
I<sup>E</sup>SUS C<sup>H</sup>RIST, thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*All Nations.*

**A**LMIGHTIE and euerlasting GOD, that hes  
wroght the Redemption of man, efter ane  
meruelous maner, in sending thy onlie Sonne, for  
fulfilling of the promises made vnto our Fatheris.  
Oppin up mair and mair the knavvledge of that  
saluatioun, that in all places of the earth, thy truth  
and puissance may be made knoun: to the intent,  
that all Nations may praise, honour, and glorifie  
the, through the self same Sonne, I<sup>E</sup>SUS C<sup>H</sup>RIST.  
*So be it.*

*The haill vvarld.*

**O** GUDE LORD, that vvillis all pepill to be saif,  
and to cum to the knavvledge of thy veritie:  
Shavv thy povver and excellent Maiestie vnto the  
haill vvarld, that euerilk ane may sing thy praises,  
yea, and shavve furth thy saluatioun, quhilk thou

hes promisit to all them that dedicates them seluis to thy seruice, for praying of thee in all thy creatures, be meinis of IESUS CHRIST thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*The haill Earth.*

**O** GUDE LORD, vnto quhom appertaines all glorie & magnificence: Grant vnto vs that be the preching of thy halie Evangell, thou may be acknavvledged throughout the haill earth: to the intent that all Nations may haif ane perfect feiling of thy mercies, & that thy faithfulnesses may be mair and mair manifested through IESUS CHRIST, thy Sonne. *So be it.*

*The haly Evangell.*

**O** LORD GOD, the only founder of thy Kirk, augmentand incresdayly thenouber of the faithfull be the preaching of thy haly Evangell, that the darknesse of ignorance may be chasit out of the vvarlde, and thy Name may be knavvin ouer all. And that al men may resort out of all partis, to rander themseluis vnder the obedience of thy vvard, and may reuerance the in thair haill hartis, through IESUS CHRIST our Lord. *So be it.*

*The haill Vvarld.*

**O** LORD, vnto quhom all gloir and honour dois appertaine, replenish vs vvith spirituall ioy: Grant that all Idolatrie and superstitioun being put

avvay, that the hail vvarld may be sa inlightenit  
vwith the light of thy halie vvord, that euerilk man  
may gif our himself to ane perpetuall praising of  
thy halie Name, and may gif vnto thee maist hartie  
thanks, for all the benefites quhilk vve continu-  
allie ressaif at thy fatherlie hande, through IESIS  
CHRIST thy Sonne. *So be it.*



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